



UPCOMING EVENTS...

...ON THE HORIZON

1997 COMMUNITY POLICING CONFERENCE

Tempe Buttes Resort, Tempe, AZ
August 6-8, 1997

The Phoenix, AZ, Office of Public Housing is sponsoring their second annual Community Policing Conference on August 6-8, 1997. The success of their 1996 conference has prompted the Phoenix Office to broaden the scope of the 1997 conference by inviting the participation of Alaska Native and western Native American communities (Alaska, Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington).

Mr. Frank Gregor from the Southwest Office of Native American Programs is serving on the conference planning committee and is coordinating the participation of ONAP clients in the 1997 session.

The planning committee welcomes your input in structuring the agenda to best meet the needs and interests of the Native American participants. Tentative items for the agenda include problems and initiatives on issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, gangs, juvenile delinquency, domestic abuse, community violence, and law enforcement.

If you have topics you would like to see included or know of appropriate speakers, please contact Mr. Gregor at (602) 379-4197 as soon as possible.

The conference will provide a unique opportunity for diverse communities to come together to share experiences, explore different insights into community policing, and discuss alternative methods of addressing common problems.

There will be sessions planned specifically to address the needs of Native Americans, as well as joint PH/IHA sessions.

FY 1997 DRUG ELIMINATION & CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE

June 11-13, 1997

The Cherokee Nation is hosting this year's Drug Elimination and Crime Prevention Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The 3-day conference has a very full agenda, including concurrent sessions on the "Youth Track".

COMBINED THIRD ANNUAL HOMEOWNERSHIP SUMMIT AND LEGAL CONFERENCE

Washington, D.C.
September 23-25, 1997

This year the Annual Homeownership Summit and Legal conferences will be combined. ICF, Inc. will be handling the conference logistics. Hotel information: Sheraton National Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204 -- Telephone: (703) 521-1900; (800) 468-9090.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25-27: **2nd NATIVE YOUTH STRATEGIC PLANNING FORUM**, Albuquerque, NM

APRIL 30-MAY 3: **"The 1997 Spring Native American Recreation Education Conference,"** sponsored by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and NARSI, at Foxwoods Resort Hotel & Tribal recreational facilities. Contact: Judith Shepherd, (317) 462-4245 or FAX, (317) 462-0909.

May 9: **LABOR RELATIONS NATIONAL SATELLITE TRAINING, "Step-up: Welfare to Work Strategy,"** contact local ONAP/Labor Relations Specialist for details and location of training sites.

May 7-10: **MICROENTERPRISE CONFERENCE, "Microenterprise Works !"** Omaha NE. Contact: AEO, (312) 357-0177, or e-mail neonpship@aol.com

May 21-25: **COMMUNITY NETWORKING CONFERENCE, "The Spirit of Community Networking"** San Francisco, CA. Web Site: www.civicnet.org/civicnet97
e-mail civicnet97@civicnet.org Telephone: (202) 362-3831

July 26-30: **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE: "Reflections and Visions on the Learning Community"** Athens, GA. (414) 276-7106 or www.scn.org/ip/cds/

June 9-July 15: **NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP, Summer "Train the Trainer" Programs,** various dates and locations during this period. Contact: NFTE, (212) 232-3333; Web address: <http://www.nftebiz.org>

BE SURE TO CHECK THE CALENDAR ON CODETALK -- IT IS UPDATED FREQUENTLY AND CONTAINS INFORMATION ON MANY UPCOMING EVENTS, TRAINING SESSIONS, CONFERENCES, ETC.

CODETALK INTERNET ADDRESS:
<http://www.codetalk.fed.us>

NOFA NOTICES

Secretary Cuomo has directed HUD staff that all Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) with similar client groups should be published on the same day with differing application due dates. This approach is intended to facilitate your planning of integrated programs and lessen the impact of application processes by allowing you to more efficiently utilize your staffing resources when developing applications.

INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (ICDBG)

FEDERAL REGISTER: April 11
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Tribes/Alaska Villages
APPLICATION DATE: **JULY 25, 1997**

PURPOSE: To improve housing stock, provide community facilities, make infrastructure improvements, and expand job opportunities. Eligible activities include: housing rehabilitation, acquisition of land for housing, homeownership opportunities for lower income families, public facilities, and economic development projects.

INDIAN HOME PROGRAM

FEDERAL REGISTER: April 11
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Tribes/Alaska Villages
APPLICATION DATE: **JUNE 20, 1997**

PURPOSE: Four categories of projects may be funded under the HOME program: Housing rehabilitation, acquisition of housing, new housing construction, and tenant-based rental assistance. This year's funding will be allocated to local ONAPs with grant competition being regional.

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS

FEDERAL REGISTER: April 11
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Tribes/Alaska Villages
APPLICATION DATE: **MAY 23, 1997**

PURPOSE: This program provides grants intended to help improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless, to make available additional shelters, to meet the costs of operating shelters and of providing essential social services to homeless individuals, and to help prevent homelessness.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP CENTERS

FEDERAL REGISTER: March 20
APPLICATION DATE: June 19

PURPOSE: Approximately \$7.5 million are available for FY 1997 grant funding to establish and operate Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC). This is the fourth year of this demonstration program. The purpose of the COPCs is to assist in establishing or carrying out research and outreach activities addressing the problems of urban areas.

PUBLIC HOUSING/SECTION 8 MOVING TO WORK DEMONSTRATION

FEDERAL REGISTER: Dec. 18, 1996

(a revision was published March 3, 1997, extending the deadline for application submissions)

APPLICATIONS DUE: May 19, 1997

PURPOSE: This program offers PHAs and IHAs the opportunity to design and test innovative housing and self-sufficiency strategies for low-income families by permitting HAs to combine funds from several HUD programs into a single pool and by exempting HAs from existing public and Indian housing and Section 8 Voucher/-Certificate program rules (as approved by HUD.)

Each of up to 30 HAs will be chosen for the demonstration program, and each of them will be given considerable flexibility in determining how to use Federal funds--including PIH housing, Section 8, and modernization funds.

At the time of publication, this year's NOFAs for IHA grant programs had not been published. They are all targeted to be published by the end of April.

NOFAs to watch for: Indian Housing Development; Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP); Tenant Opportunities Program, Economic Development and Supportive Services, Drug Elimination Technical Assistance, and Drug Elimination Program Grants.

WATCH FOR NOFA NOTICES ON THE WEB: <http://www.hud.gov/pih/97nofa.html>

This site includes full copies of the NOFAs in both PDF and HTML formats and links to program descriptions.

ALSO, HUD MAINTAINS A SCHEDULE OF NOFAS TO BE ISSUED. THIS IS ON THE WEB AT: <http://www.hud.gov/nofas.html>